(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the results so far achieved by the new organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Customs Marine Oragnisation to be composed of suitable personnel for manning and maintaining the sea-going vessels at the disposal of Customs department is being established in phases. The details of all the three phases in which personnel of various categories are required, given here in below:—

Sl. No.	Particulars	Development phase I 85-86	II 86-89	III 89-92	Total
1	Professional Managerial	29	23	25	77
2	Technical Industrial and Non-Industrial	10	54	29	93
3	Accounts, Ministerial and Establishment	19	40	21	80
	Total No. of Posts	58	117	75	250

Since the Customs Marine Organisation is in the process of being set-up results are yet to to be achieved by it.

Amendment of direct tax laws

54. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 after getting the views from various trade associations and professions bodies as announced by him in Bombay;

(b) whether the Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes was sent to Bombay and other cities to gather and assess the views of trade bodies; and

(c) whether the Chairman 9th Finance Commission has criticised the recent amendments in the Direct Tax Laws as 'unreasonable, unjust and oppressive' and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government has received representations from various trade associations and professional bodies regarding the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987, and such representations have been examined. The examination of the various provisions of the Income-tax Act in the light of the suggestions received from various quarters is a continuing process and amendments to the Income-tax Act are proposed as and when found necessary.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Chairman, Centraf Board of Direct Taxes; discussed the suggestions pertaining to Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 with Indian Merchants' Chamber. He also visited some other places on the invitation of trade bodies and associations to explain the provisions of the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987 and to know about their suggestions. The feedback received is being examined in the Ministry.

(c) No comments on the Direct Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 1987, have been made by the Chairman of the Finance Commission in that capacity. However, as an eminent public figure and a senior Parliamentarian, knowledgeable in direct taxation, he is entitled to express his personal views in the matter.

Financial assistance by banks for drought relief schemes.

55. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether commercial banks have provided financial assistance under the drought relief schemes and if so, what is the amount of relief and the number of beneficiaries, Statewise, by the end of January, 1988;

(b) how much has been lent under the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 1987 and what was the credit allocation in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) whether District Credit Plan for 1988—90 and AAP for 1988 have been launched in all the districts of Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) According to the latest available information furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), drought relief assistance provided by the 28 Public Sector Banks aggregated to Rs. 382,46.44 lakhs as at the end of October, 1987. Statewise details of number of beneficiaries and the amount of relief provided are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Details of the outlays and achievements upto Sept. 1987 under AAPs 1987 for the district in Gujarat as furnished by Dena Bank, the Convenor bank for the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) for Gujarat, are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Allocation under AAPs 1987 (Full year)	642.16
Achievement (Upto Sept., 1987)	372.88
% of achievement Upto Sept., 1987	58

(c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that the District Credit Plans for 1988—90 and Annual Action Plan for 1988 have been launched in all the districts of Gujarat. Details of the DCP and the AAP are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Statement

State-wise position of bank assistance to persons affected by drought as at the end of October, 1987

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	No. of Accounts	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	193704	6165.63
2	Assam	..	..
3	Bihar	1112	55.16
4	Gujarat	82777	5139.77
5	Haryana	18014	856 70
6	Himachal Pradesh	1876	85.99
7	Jammu & Kashmir	34	1.19